

## **NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**City Hall**

**March 17, 2016 @ 6PM**

**Present Were:** Jeff Rogers, Mike Morris, Jane Masse, Nicole Pinkston, Chris Cecil, William Ward, Kenneth Holbert, Tim Bartley, Fr. Chris Lubucke, Guyula Johnson, Scottie Metcalf, Tessie Cecil, David Nalley, David Rust, Brandon Ballard, Kacie Emerson, Austin Metcalf, Chris Bruening, Sydni Rust, Caroline Boone, Davis O'Bryan, Fred DeWitt, Keith Bartley, Jo Renee O'Bryan, Angela Mattingly and Joanie Corbin

The **meeting was called to order**. The pledge to the flag was recited.

Chris Bruening (Mayor-Youth Leadership Committee) called the **Special Leadership Session** to order.

The **Youth Leadership Committee** was introduced by Jane.

Mayor - Chris Bruening

Commissioner Caroline Boone – Recreation Department

Commissioner Sydni Rust – Police/Fire Department

Commissioner Brandon Ballard – Street Department

Commissioner Davis O'Bryan – Water & Sewer Department

The Board of Commissioners had a pinning ceremony for the Youth Leadership Committee.

Numerous items were discussed by the leadership committee. Some of items are listed below:

- Sliding board at the pool.
- Mini Mall at 144 Main Street.
- Lights at the basketball court.
- Walking trail at the water tower.
- Pool bathhouse refurbishment.
- Vending machines at the pool.
- Dog park.
- Sidewalks on Main Street.
- Children at play sign on school alley.

Jane thanked the youth leadership for their ideas and she encouraged them to stay involved with the community.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the special session. Caroline seconded the motion.

### **Old Business**

A short discussion took place about the former Big Blue Building (144 Main Street). At this time, the

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building is stable. It was stated that the plumbing and electrical wiring would need to be completely redone.

Kenneth presented a bid of \$26,800 from Conway Heaton for a **2016 Ford Explorer**. He also stated that Fort Knox Ford will be giving a quote on March 27 on a 2017 Ford Explorer. To equip the vehicle, another \$3000 will have to be invested. More information will be available in the April meeting. Nicole asked Kenneth to also obtain quotes on a police car. No further information was provided on the police vehicle donor information.

Fred DeWitt told the board that the **fire department building, located at 360 Center Street** was not available to be leased out. He said that the building will be full once they move their equipment.

### **Fire Department**

Fred DeWitt reported that they are looking for an **engineer** to approve the concrete structure that will hold up the tower. The engineer costs could be as high as \$10,000.00. The project is at a stand-still at this time.

### **Police Department**

Nicole said that she is still receiving **positive feedback** from the community on the police presence in New Haven.

Chris presented the board with some research about a "COPS Grant". No action was taken.

### **General Administration**

A motion was made by Jane to approve the **Minutes of February 18, 2016 Meeting**. The motion was seconded by Chris. All voted in favor.

The **February Financials and March Bills** were approved with a motion by Chris and a second by Mike. All voted in favor. Copies are attached.

The mayor read the second reading of **Budget Amendment – Ordinance No. 456 Series 2016**. Chris made a motion to accept as presented. Mike seconded the motion. Roll Call – Mike-yes, Chris-yes, Jeff-yes, Jane-yes, Nicole-yes

Jane made a motion to approve for the clerks to contact **Amanda Deaton Rogers** in the office of Saltsman, Willet, Deaton & Hamilton, P.S.C if the city is in need of an **attorney**. Mike seconded the

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motion. All voted in favor. The attorney's with the Kentucky League of Cities will still be utilized as much as possible by the city, before contacting Amanda Deaton Rogers.

Chris addressed the board with talk of **annexation**. He feels that the city is dying and needs to be revitalized. The board agreed that they need to come up with some ideas to bring some new businesses into the city. Nicole made a motion to form a **"Downtown Revitalization Committee"** consisting of the following people: Jane Masse – Chairperson, Chris Cecil and David Rust. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

FEMA is requiring counties that want to apply in the future for grants to aid in debris removal to adopt a **Debris Management Plan**. A good example of use of this program would have been the 2009 ice storm and the tree debris were taken to the Former Rock Quarry on Quarry Lane by the Nelson County and City of Bardstown Road Departments as well as private contractors chipping and hauling the material away. FEMA helped fund those cleanup activities. Moving forward, FEMA will only fund this type of cleanups if a Debris Management Plan has been adopted.

Chris made a motion to adopt the **"Debris Management Plan"** that was provided by Brad Spalding (Nelson County Landfill). The motion passed with a second by Jane. All voted in favor.

Several ideas were thrown out on how to keep people around to see the lighting of **"Christmas in the Park"**. More information will be given in future meetings.

The **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on Saturday, March 26 at Noon.

Joanie informed the board that Brooke Routt has asked to be excused from the **Board of Adjustments**. Chris suggested asking Karl Lusk to fill the position.

**FYI-** The annual **"New Haven Appreciation Day"** will be held at the city park on Saturday, May 21.

The board discussed purchasing an ad to be put in the **"Nelson County Guide"** that will be published on April 27 . The consensus of the board was to deny the expenditure.

**FYI-** Jane informed the board of an upcoming fundraiser for one of our city resident's, Chris Peterson whom was involved in an accident that left him paralyzed. The benefit will be Saturday, June 4 at the Holy Cross Gym.

### Water and Sewer Department

Tim reported that Joe Grider with HMB Engineers said that we should be ready to take bids in April.

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the **KIA Loan** was approved in the amount of \$251,000, which was \$12,000 lower than the original amount mentioned.

A lengthy discussion took place about whether or not to add a **cellphone** to the current Bluegrass Cellular policy, so that the new employee can be contacted when needed. After numerous questions and concerns were expressed, Jane made a motion to approve adding another phone to the policy and to pay the police chief \$20 a month to be used toward his personal cellphone expense because he uses it for city business. Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor, except Chris, whom voted no. The monthly expense for Bluegrass Cellular will be \$20 plus taxes. A flip phone will be purchased for \$30.

### Street Department

Chris asked Tim to make sure that the **children at play sign** gets moved to the appropriate location on School Street, as suggested by the Youth Leadership. A second, children at play sign will be erected at the opposite end of the street as well.

### Recreation

Angela asked the board for approval to hire **6 lifeguards for the 2016 summer season**. Nicole made a motion to approve the hiring of 6 lifeguards. The motion passed with a second by Mike. All voted in favor. The following individuals were hired: Amanda Weakley, Robbie Knox, Lexy Peake, Michelle Mattingly, Ali Wimsett and Jeremy Watkins.

**FYI-** The **ball registrations** are slowly being turned in.

**FYI –** The **opening day for the pool** this year will be Saturday, May 21 if the weather cooperates.

Chris asked the board to consider hosting a **“Fishing Tournament”** at the city lake. The consensus of the board was that it was a great event and that they should proceed with hosting it once again this year. Fred DeWitt said that he would help with the event.

### Veterans/Historical Center

No report was given. Tessie had to leave the meeting early.

Jane made a motion to **adjourn** the meeting. Mike seconded the motion.

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Mayor

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Clerk

